

Facts About Montana Education

School Size and Enrollment 2013-14				
School Size	# of Schools	Percent of Schools	Enrollment	Percent of Enrollment
>500	48	6%	42,975	30%
250 to 499	163	20%	59,018	41%
100 to 249	160	19%	26,306	18%
50 to 99	120	15%	8,604	6%
<50	333	40%	7,226	5%
	824	100%	144,129	100%

Poverty Indicators			
Poverty Indicators	MT	National	Rank
Age 5-17 in Families in Poverty*	19.00%	20.80%	24th
Percent Eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch**	40.2%	48.00%	13th
*US Census Bureau 2012			
** Common Core of Data, 2011-12 School Year			
Was 30th in 2009 and was higher than the US Average			

Public School Districts 2013-14	
K-12 districts	57
Combined elementary (joint board)	99
Combined high school (joint board)	99
Single districts (148 el, 4 hs)	152
State-funded districts	2
Nonoperating districts	6
Total School Districts	415

School Data 2013-14	
Elementary Schools	439
Middle, 7&8	214
High Schools	171
Total Schools	824

Nonpublic School Enrollment (Self-Reported)				
	2011 -12	2012-13	2013-14	% of Total Enrollment
Private	7,347	7,757	8,132	5.2%
Home school	4,260	4,329	4,694	3.0%
Total	11,607	12,086	12,826	8.2%

About the Big Sky State

- Population: 1,015,165 (2013 Estimate)
- Size: 147,046 square miles (fourth largest state)
- Population density: 6.7 per square mile (2010 Census)
- State racial makeup: White 89.4%, American Indian 6.3%, Hispanic 2.9 %, Asian 0.8%, Black 0.4%, Pacific Islander 0.1% and Other 0.1% (2010 Census)
- Seven Indian Reservations and 12 Tribal Nations, including one landless tribe, the Little Shell Chippewa
- School racial makeup: White 80.0%, American Indian 11.3%, Hispanic 4.1%, Asian 0.8%, Black 0.9%, Pacific islander 0.2% and more than one race 2.6%
- 570 miles long, 315 miles wide
- Elevation range: 1,820 to 12,799 feet above sea level
- Borders three Canadian provinces and four states
- Headwaters for two major rivers – Missouri and Columbia
- Primary industries: agriculture, services, government (including education) and retail trade

For more information about Montana, contact:

- www.mt.gov
- Travel Montana 1-800-847-4868
- http://ceic.mt.gov
- The Census & Economic Information Center (406) 841-2740

For more school data:

- www.opi.mt.gov/measurement
- http://GEMS.opi.mt.gov
- www.opi.mt.gov/reportcard

It is an honor and a privilege to be Montana’s Superintendent of Public Instruction and to serve as an advocate for our state’s education system. The Office of Public Instruction is here to assist Montana’s schools and the education community to guarantee that all Montana’s students receive a quality education. I know there is no more important aspect of a quality education than a good teacher in the classroom. A good education brings better jobs, more opportunities, and builds stronger communities. An informed public makes informed decisions and good data supports good decisions. That is why I am pleased to share with you facts about Montana education. Learn more about K-12 education in Montana at our website – www.opi.mt.gov.

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Montana Public School Enrollment

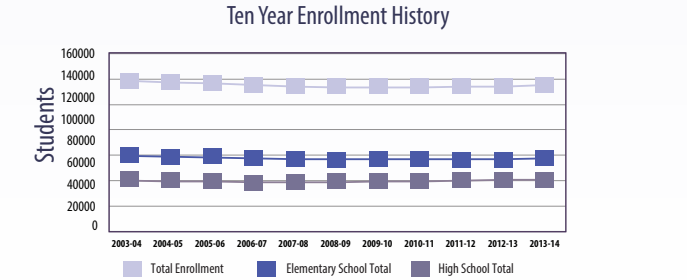
	2012 -13	2013 -14	% Change 2013 to 2014
Elementary			
Prekindergarten	1,318	1,439	
Kindergarten	11,708	12,036	
Grades 1-6	66,256	66,989	
Grades 7-8	21,507	21,500	
Total Elementary	100,789	101,964	1.2%
High School			
Grades 9-12	42,008	42,070	
Total High School	42,008	42,070	0.1%
State-Funded Schools*			
Elementary (Pre K-8)	30	27	
High School (9-12)	81	68	
Total State-Funded Schools	111	95	-14.4%

Total Public School Enrollment			
	142,908	144,129	0.9%

* The state-funded schools are Pine Hills School, Riverside School, and the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind.

Montana enrollment peaked in the 1995-96 school year. Since then, enrollment has decreased by more than 20,000 students. The enrollment decrease is due to the decrease in Montana live births. After declining for seven years, kindergarten enrollment began increasing again in 2003-04 and has increased by 1,891 students from 2003-04 to 2013-14.

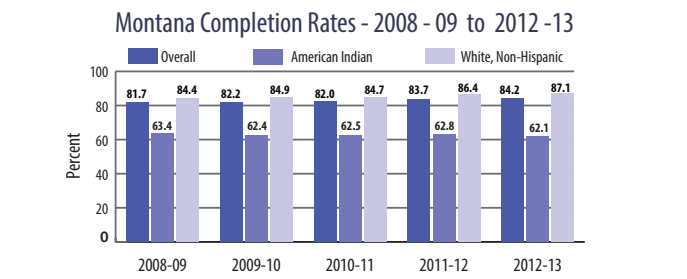
Montana (Pk-12) showed an increase in enrollment in 2013-14 of 0.9%. Elementary grades (Pk-8) are showing an increase in enrollment (1.2%). High school enrollment increased for the first time since 1998-99 (0.1%).



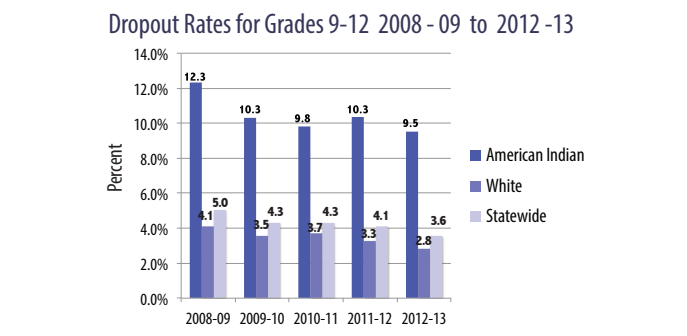
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High School Graduates **2013**
High School Graduates 2013 9,345
HiSET recipients (ages 16 to 19) 901

Montana Completion Rates 2008-09 to 2012-13
Overall high school completion rates have improved over the past five years. The gap between American Indian students and all students combined is 22 percentage points. The gap between white students and American Indian students is 25 percentage points.



Dropout Rates for Grades 9-12, 2008-09 to 2012-13
Student-level data from schools and increased quality control measures have resulted in more accurate data. The 2008-09 data should be considered baseline. Dropout rates for American Indian, White and All Students as a whole declined since the 2008-09 school year.



Licensed K-12 Staff (Full-Time Equivalent)	2013 -14
Teachers- Classroom, Title I, Special Ed.	10,431
Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents	163
Principals and Assistant Principals	506
Other Administrative Staff	78
Education Specialists (Library, Guidance Counselors)	933
Licensed Professional (Noneducator)	397
Total Licensed Staff FTE	12,508
Paraprofessionals	2,538
Total Licensed and Paraprofessional Staff	15,046

Student/Teacher Ratio	2008-09	2009 -10	2010 -11
Montana average	13.6	13.5	13.8
National average	15.3	15.4	15.7

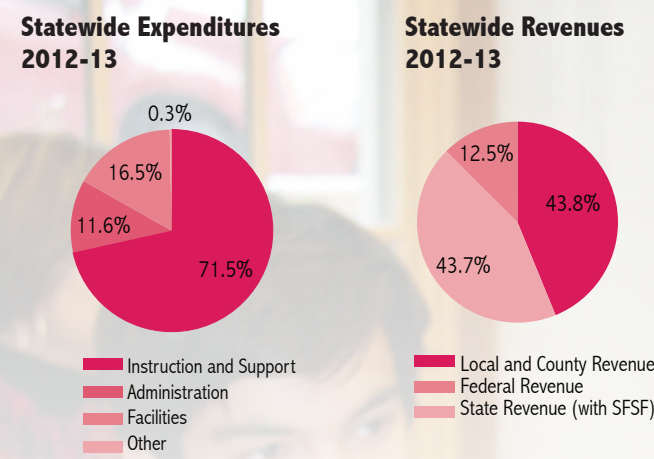
Data from Common Core of Data, U.S. Department of Education

Assessment/Test Scores	2011		2012		2013	
	MT	Natl	MT	Natl	MT	Natl
ACT**	22.1	21.1	22.0	21.1	21.3	20.9
SAT*						
VERBAL	539	497	536	496	538	491
MATH	537	514	536	514	541	503
WRITING	516	489	511	488	513	480

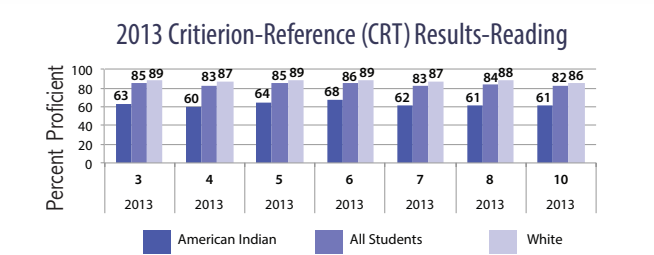
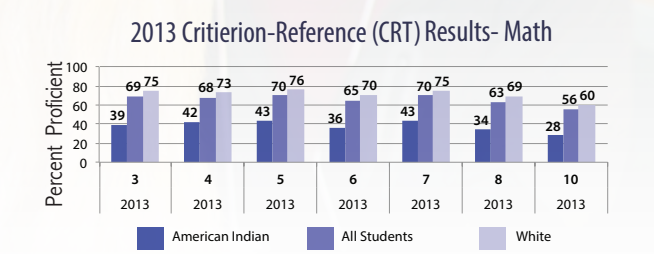
** American College Testing Program-- High Score 36. In 2013, 72 percent of Montana graduating seniors took the ACT. Nationally, 54 percent of graduating seniors took the ACT, up from 61 percent in Montana and 52 percent in the US in 2012.

* Scholastic Aptitude Test-- High Score 800. In 2013, 21 percent of Montana graduating seniors took the SAT. Nationally, 43 percent of graduating seniors took the SAT.

Montana Public School Districts

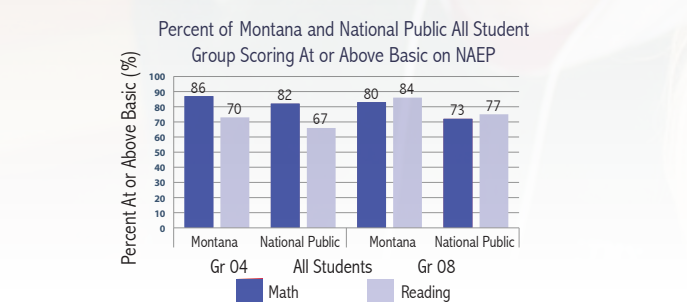


2013 Criterion-Referenced Test (CRT) Math & Reading
In Spring 2013, Montana students took the CRT test in the 3rd through 8th and 10th grades measuring progress toward state standards in reading and math. The achievement gap between American Indian students and all students is substantial in both reading and math in every tested grade. In math it is never closer than 26 points (4th grade) and in reading it is never closer than 18 points (6th grade).



2013 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)
This chart shows the percent of the “All Students” category in Montana who scored at or above basic. A basic achievement level in NAEP means that students have partial mastery of prerequisite knowledge and skills that are fundamental for proficient work at each grade.

Data obtained from the NAEP Data Explorer (NDE):
<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/naepdata/report.aspx>



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MT's graduation rate increases to 84.4%

\$4.3 million annual boost to economy

Graduates' lifetime earnings increase \$68.2 million